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SOVIET LAYS KIDNAP PLOT TO U.S. ENVOY

Fake Seizure Charged
In An Effort To Lure
Russian In Tokyo

Washington, April 13 (AP) — An American diplomat in Tokyo is accused by Russia of faking a heart attack to lure a Soviet diplomat into an apartment where an attempt could be made to kidnap him.

The State Department confirmed today that a Soviet protest accusing the United States of the unsuccessful kidnap attempt has been received and is under study.

Robert J. McCloskey, department press officer, said the United States Embassy in Moscow received the note "which is their version of the alleged incident in Tokyo involving allegedly a secretary of the Soviet Embassy."

Tass Omits Details

The first word of the alleged attempt to kidnap George Pokrovsky, first secretary of the Soviet

Embassy in Tokyo, was reported by Tass, official Soviet News agency. It said the attempt was made by "American intelligence agencies," but Tass gave no details.

According to information available here, the Soviet note gave this version:

An unidentifiable American diplomat moved into the apartment building in which Pokrovsky lived and fostered an acquaintanceship with the Russian.

Russian's Aid Asked

Then one day when the two were just outside the apartment building, the American suddenly acted as if he had a heart attack and asked the Russian to help him to his apartment.

Once they got to the American's apartment, some other Americans tried to seize Pokrovsky, but he struggled free.

Only a phonetic spelling of the American diplomat's name was available in the Soviet note here. And it did not appear to correspond with any of the names immediately available on the roster of United States diplomats assigned to Tokyo.

In Tokyo, Pokrovsky refused to comment, telling newsmen "You can get details from Japanese police or Japanese authorities."

Asked about the report, a Tokyo metropolitan police spokesman said: "We don't know anything about such an incident. This is the first time to hear such report."

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